

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 1331**
Yukiyo SEKIMOTO et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2008_1706
Serial No. 10/572,895 : Group Art Unit 1655
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METHOD OF INHIBITING ALVEOLAR
BONE RESORPTION AND PERIODONTAL
MEMBRANE LOSS AND COMPOSITION
FOR INTERNAL USE TO BE USED THEREIN : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of November 18, 2008, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, Applicants submit the following remarks in support of the patentability of the presently claimed invention over the disclosures of the references relied upon by the Examiner in rejecting the claims. Further and favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of these remarks.

Summary of Telephonic Interview

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for participating in the telephonic interview of February 4, 2009. During this interview, Applicants discussed the rejections of record. Specifically, Applicants argued that the USDA reference relied upon by the Examiner does not show the amount of aglycone, but rather, shows the sum of glucoside forms and aglycone (free) forms. Applicants also presented arguments that the genistein/daidzein ratios taught in Lovett do not fall within Applicants' recited range of 1/1 to 1.5/1.